

INFORMATION FOR THE FOURTH QUARTERLY REPORT OF FY-1955

NIS PROGRAM

The NIS contributing agencies increased their production substantially during the final quarter of FY-1955, resulting in 90 percent fulfillment of scheduled requirements for the year, which represents full attainment of the 3 equivalent NIS per year goal established for the program by the JCS.

The heavy flow of NIS contributions during the fourth quarter raised the workload in D/B above the normal operating level, but it is expected that this will be reduced to a current basis operational level before the end of the first quarter of FY-1956. At the end of the fiscal year the workload at Special Unit, GPO, was at a normal operating level.

During this quarter the NIS Committee approved the NIS Production Schedule for FY-1956, and undertook revision of the three-year forecast of NIS production.

Since the start of the NIS Program over 2,700 individual sections have been produced on 87 foreign countries and areas. This represents over one-half of total world coverage, most of which is on JCS high priority areas. In addition, 82 Gazetteers have been published through 30 June 1955.

During FY-1955, five Chapters I (Brief) were produced, and production of this element, which is considered the most important single element of the NIS, will be increased as rapidly as capabilities and completion of related sections permit. Considerable progress was also made in the maintenance revisions of published NIS sections with 141 being produced in FY-1955, and emphasis on this aspect of the program will be continued. A new element, "Soviet Profiles," was produced during FY-1955, and additional "Key Personalities" units are being produced under the NIS Program to meet increasing requirements for biographical intelligence. A major development was the expansion in coverage and treatment in the Sociological, Political, and Economic Chapters of the NIS to provide intelligence required for Psychological Warfare, and United States Information Agency programs.

The NIS Committee continues its constant surveillance of all aspects of the program to assure fulfillment of program objectives, and cooperation of the NIS participating agencies has been excellent. There has been gratifying improvement in the NIS collection effort during the past year.